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Art Unit: 1742 (Examiner M. Andrews)
Applicant: MEISSNER ET AL.
Serial No: 10/056,131
Filed: January 24, 2002
Title: IRON PRODUCTION METHOD OF OPERATION IN A
ROTARY HEARTH FURNACE AND IMPROVED FURNACE
APPARATUS

Charlotte, North Carolina
December 4, 2003

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of September 5, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS to the Specification begin on page 2

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